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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LETTER TO SAKHAROV: PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: A. MOSCOW 1824, B. MOSCOW 1857,

1. IF WE ARE ASKED ABOUT SAKHAROV'S FEB 8 VISIT TO EMBASSY, WHICH WE ARE HOLDING VERY CLOSELY, WE PLAN TO SAY ONLY THAT SAKHAROV VISITED THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION ON FEB 8. IF ASKED FOR FURTHER DETAILS--WHO INITIATED VISIT, HOW LONG WAS HE IN EMBASSY, WHAT WAS DISCUSSED--WE PLAN TO SAY THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO COMMENT FURTHER.

2. IF QUESTION ABOUT HIS BEING AT EMBASSY ARISES IN CONNECTION WITH SAKHAROV'S PUBLICIZING RECEIPT OF LETTER, AND SAKHAROV HIMSELF DOES NOT REVEAL HOW LETTER WAS DELIVERED, WE WOULD SAY THAT WE HAVE NO COMMENT--WHICH HAS BEEN THE LINE WE HAVE TAKEN ON PAST VISITS.

3. COMMENT. GIVEN SENSITIVITIES OF SOVIET OFFICIAL-DOM (WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY EXTEND TO HIGH LEVELS) REGARDING SAKHAROV, WE ASSUME THAT ON-THE-RECORD COMMENTS BY EMBASSY OR DEPARTMENT ABOUT HIS RECENT CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY WILL BE HELD TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. IF HIS CONTACTS WITH US, CONFIDENTIAL

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OBVIOUSLY ALREADY KNOWN TO SOVIET SIDE, BECOME SUBJECT OF PUBLICITY, SOVIETS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY FIND IT NECESSARY TO MAKE OFFICIAL PROTEST. THIS AT VERY LEAST COULD SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE OUR FUTURE CONTACTS WITH HIM. TOON

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